### **REMARKS**

This is in full and timely response to the Office Action mailed on September 13, 2010.

Claims 1-15 are currently pending in this application, with claims 1, 8 and 15 being independent. *No new matter has been added.* 

Reexamination in light of the following remarks is respectfully requested.

# Entry of amendment is respectfully requested

This Amendment *prima facie* places the case in condition for allowance.

Alternatively, it places this case in better condition for appeal.

## New non-final Office Action is respectfully requested

At least for the following reasons, if the allowance of the claims is not forthcoming at the very least and a new ground of rejection made, then a <u>new non-final Office Action</u> is respectfully requested.

#### Prematureness

Applicant, seeking review of the <u>prematureness</u> of the final rejection within the Final Office Action, respectfully requests reconsideration of the finality of the Final Office Action for the reasons set forth hereinbelow. See M.P.E.P. §706.07(c).

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### Claim rejections

# i. U.S. Patent No. 6,381,562 (Keane).

# A. Keane fails to disclose, teach, or suggest two or more different simulator part devices.

The claims <u>as finally rejected</u> include <u>two or more</u> different simulator part devices that calculate the behavior of an organism's structural elements, which are the elements making up the organism.

However, the Office Action <u>fails</u> to show <u>two or more</u> different simulator part devices within Keane.

# B. Keane fails to disclose, teach, or suggest simulation scenario information.

Keane <u>fails</u> to disclose, teach, or suggest information on a flow of data between the <u>two</u> or more simulator parts and the data output part, and an operation sequence thereof.

Pages 4-5 of the Office Action refer to Figure 2 of Keane for simulators in parallel.

However, column 7, lines 40-41, of Keane refers to Figure 2 as a "<u>flowchart</u>" and not for <u>simulators in parallel</u>.

Thus, Keane fails to disclose, teach, or suggest simulation scenario information.

C. Keane <u>fails</u> to disclose, teach, or suggest receiving data from a user and/or the simulation controller.

Page 5 of the Office Action <u>readily admits</u> that Keane <u>fails</u> to disclose an <u>input data</u> <u>reception unit</u>.

Thus, Keane <u>fails</u> to disclose, teach, or suggest the claim 1 <u>input data reception unit for receiving data from a user and/or the simulation controller</u>.

Likewise, Keane <u>fails</u> to disclose, teach, or suggest the claim 8 input data reception step of <u>receiving data from a user and/or the simulation control program</u>.

Keane <u>fails</u> to disclose, teach, or suggest the claim 15 <u>input data reception unit for</u> receiving data from a user and/or the simulation control device.

D. Keane <u>fails</u> to disclose, teach, or suggest receiving output data from the simulation controller.

Page 5 of the Office Action <u>readily admits</u> that Keane <u>fails</u> to disclose <u>an output data</u> <u>output unit</u>.

Thus, Keane <u>fails</u> to disclose, teach, or suggest the claim 1 <u>output data output unit for transferring the output data to the simulation controller</u>.

Likewise, Keane <u>fails</u> to disclose, teach, or suggest the claim 8 <u>output data output step</u> of <u>transferring the output data to the simulation control program</u>.

Keane <u>fails</u> to disclose, teach, or suggest the claim 15 <u>output data output unit</u> for <u>sending</u> the output data to the simulation <u>control device</u>.

E. Keane <u>fails</u> to disclose, teach, or suggest transferring the data received by the data reception unit to the simulator parts based on the simulation scenario information.

Page 5 of the Office Action <u>readily admits</u> that Keane <u>fails</u> to disclose <u>an input data</u> <u>transfer unit</u>.

Thus, Keane <u>fails</u> to disclose, teach, or suggest the claim 1 <u>input data transfer unit</u> for <u>transferring the data received by the data reception unit to the simulator parts based on the simulation scenario information</u>.

Likewise, Keane <u>fails</u> to disclose, teach, or suggest the claim 8 <u>input data transfer step</u> of <u>transferring the data received by the data reception step to the simulator programs based on</u> simulation scenario information that is stored.

Keane <u>fails</u> to disclose, teach, or suggest the claim 15 <u>input data transfer unit</u> for <u>sending the data received by the data reception unit to the simulator part devices based on the simulation scenario information.</u>

F. Keane <u>fails</u> to disclose, teach, or suggest transferring the data that have been received from the two or more simulator parts to the data output part based on the simulation scenario information.

Page 5 of the Office Action <u>readily admits</u> that Keane <u>fails</u> to disclose <u>an output data</u> <u>transfer unit</u>.

Thus, Keane <u>fails</u> to disclose, teach, or suggest the claim 1 an <u>output data transfer unit</u> for <u>transferring the data that have been received from the two or more simulator parts to the data output part based on the simulation scenario information</u>.

Likewise, Keane fails to disclose, teach, or suggest the claim 8 output data transfer step

of transferring the data that have been received from the two or more simulator programs to the

data output program based on the simulation scenario information.

Keane fails to disclose, teach, or suggest the claim 15 output data transfer unit for

sending the data that have been received from the two or more simulator part devices to the data

output part device based on the simulation scenario information.

ii. U.S. Patent No. 4,862,347 (Rudy).

Page 5 of the Office Action readily admits that Rudy *fails* to disclose, teach, or suggest

an input data reception unit.

Furthermore, page 5 of the Office Action readily admits that Rudy fails to disclose,

teach, or suggest an output data reception unit.

iii. U.S. Patent No. 5,408,623 (Dolidon).

Dolidon fails to disclose, teach, or suggest two or more different simulator part devices

that calculate the behavior of an organism's structural elements, which are the elements making up

the organism.

Thus, Dolidon fails to remedy the deficiencies identified within Keane and Rudy.

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iv. U.S. Patent No. 6,857,878 (Chosack).

Chosack fails to disclose, teach, or suggest two or more different simulator part devices

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that calculate the behavior of an organism's structural elements, which are the elements making up

the organism.

Thus, Chosack fails to remedy the deficiencies identified within Keane, Rudy and

Dolidon.

v. Combination of the references.

The point of novelty of this application is that "data flow and simulation scenario

information between multiple simulator parts and data output part are totally separated from

operation programs or a specially designed circuit."

Since simulation scenario information is necessary to be changed time to time according

to progress of scientific research, the simulation scenario information is totally separated from

process parts of a simulation processing parts of a simulation device, such as, input data transfer

part and output data transfer part).

None of the references discloses these features.

In particular, in Keane, the information that could be the simulation information of this

application is considered to constitute a part of the processing part and to be buried in the processing

part. None of the references suggests how to combine to arrive at the claimed invention of amended

claim 1.

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Action.

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C.F.R. §1.104(d)(2), M.P.E.P. § 2144.03. See also, Ex parte Natale, 11 USPQ2d 1222, 1227-1228

(Bd. Pat. App. & Int. 1989)(failure to provide any objective evidence to support the challenged use

of Official Notice constitutes clear and reversible error).

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Conclusion

This response is believed to be a complete response to the Office Action.

Applicants reserve the right to set forth further arguments supporting the patentability of their claims, including the separate patentability of the dependent claims not explicitly addressed herein, in future papers.

For the foregoing reasons, all the claims now pending in the present application are allowable, and the present application is in condition for allowance.

Accordingly, favorable reexamination and reconsideration of the application in light of the remarks is courteously solicited.

If the Examiner has any comments or suggestions that could place this application in even better form, the Examiner is requested to telephone Brian K. Dutton, Reg. No. 47,255, at 202-955-8753.

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